

Circ.: e.
S.67,051
89,719

Approved For Release 2001/03/02 : CIA-RDP70-00058R000100120018-8

Front Page
Edit Page
Other Page

CPYRGHT

Score One For Espionage

When the United States Central Intelligence Agency or any of our foreign espionage efforts are mentioned it usually is in derogatory terms. Not much is known about the CIA operation under Allen Dulles, but what does leak out usually is in criticism, for failure to properly advise concerning what other countries are doing.

For once, however, it looks as if our espionage boys have been doing a good job. The procurement of the remarks of Nikita Khrushchev criticizing the regime of Josef Stalin constitutes a major espionage achievement and it has set the Russians to scratching their heads. The Russian embassy is reported to have sent three times to the State department, for copies of the release, presumably to send an account of it back to Russia.

According to press accounts, it took about 11 weeks for the U. S.

agents to procure the copy of the speech now in our hands. It is not quite complete but there is enough of it to give a profound impression of the things Mr. Khrushchev had to say about Mr. Stalin. The speech was obtained despite strictest efforts to keep it secret from any other than top Communist leaders in satellite nations.

One success doesn't indicate that our espionage department is the best in the world. The cracking of the wall of secrecy around Khrushchev's remarks, however, is a major achievement and indicates that the boys were on the ball. It also should be an indication that they have contacts which should be of importance in future events.

And it is highly comforting to

know that they can score on occasion and that all of the nasty things which have been said about them aren't true.